

Dear Citizen and
fellow voter at the
FCC,

The Sinclair
corporation's
decision to force
its stations to air
an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.
It is the
responsibility and
duty of journalism
to provide factual,
accurate reporting
on issues important
to citizens. It is
NOT their right, nor
their responsibility
to impose biased,
agenda-driven
content created with
the intent of
swaying opinion in
one direction or the
other.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

I urge you in the
interest of
upholding the
honest, and
honorable principles
of democracy to
prevent Sinclair
from forcing its
stations to air this

program.

Thank you,
Clare Matthias